

The original meaning of Armistice day was human thankfulness for the end of war. In a larger sense, Armistice day celebrated man's belief that perhaps war was over for all time.

But the Armistice day that we observe in 1948 is not a celebration. Rather, it is a memorial to the dead, not only of World War I but of the greater war that followed when we thought we had finally reached the era of eternal peace.

And so our conception of Armistice day is inevitably changing. Instead of glorifying the living, in a never-never land of eternal peace, as the original Armistice day tried to do, we now consecrate this day to the memory of all the brave men who went out from their native land to make sure war stayed away from its shores.

There is no more solemn moment in the experience of mankind.

For this is the sacrifice that life has exacted from almost every generation. To keep men on some distant firing line so that the enemy might be held back and the homeland defended. In bitter moments we try to get away from this reality, but, confronted by the long record of written history and the thundering events abroad today, we never quite do.

The undeclared war that is being waged at Berlin between Russian troops and our military government and air lift is not a mere incident of the year 1948; actually, it is the latest chapter in a struggle that has been going on for thousands of years between East and West.

The East-West line so apparent in Germany extends obviously to the fighting in China, where the American-supported government of Chiang Kai-shek, having lost the war to true Orientals, has collapsed.

Thus, on either side of the world you have incalculable factors challenging the right of peaceful men to live in peace.

And this is the day that we rededicate ourselves to the memory of men who died so that the country might be preserved while the world went wandering down history's long and lonely corridor.

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Nowadays, All Is Not Gold
That Glitters in Montana
By JAMES THRASHER

If the unexpected in natural events or human behavior is a prime ingredient of news, then a story out of Helena, Mont., a few days ago certainly deserved a bigger play than most newspapers gave it.

To get right down to cases, they hit pay dirt again in Last Chance Gulch, which yielded up some \$16,000,000 worth of gold in the middle of the last century. The gulch, to be sure, is now Helena's main street. And the "prospects" were workmen digging a hole for a new elevator shaft under the Placer Hotel. Nevertheless, they did hit pay dirt.

Somebody must have shouted "Gold!", or excited words to that effect. But the excitement didn't generate any such fever as once made Montana a perilous frontier place.

The hotel management did call in some mining experts. They estimated that the strike was worth about \$1.75 a cubic yard which would be rich enough to work. But the management told the workmen to go ahead and pour in the concrete. One of the officials explained the decision with these heretical words: "We don't have time to mess with gold."

Such a statement uttered in the Montana of frontier days would have branded the speaker as crazy. Today it probably reflects a soundness of judgment. For gold is no longer a symbol of the ultimate in earthly desire. It is just another one of those things that modern man can take or let alone.

We don't think that this is a sign that human cupidity has vanished during the last century or that American enterprise has lost its zing. It is simply that the management of the Placer Hotel has adapted itself to a world in which a lot of old values have new price tags.

These hotel men in Helena live in a country whose government has most of the world's gold. This gold was dug out of the earth, just as the gold would have been dug out of the most men's elevator shafts if they had said the word. The United States government bought all its gold with dollars. But having bought it, what did it do with it? Put it right back in the ground.

The government didn't buy things with the gold, or sell it to its citizens. It posted a guard over the buried treasure and called it a gold reserve. That is a fund which assures holders of United States government notes that the notes can be redeemed in gold. Of course, if they really tried to exchange them for gold they might run into trouble. But as long as the holders know the gold is there, nobody tries.

So perhaps the Placer Hotel people weren't so foolish to pour concrete on their new gold strike. The metal just stays in the ground, where it would have wound up anyway. Above it a new elevator will soon be running. And at present hotel rates, the management will gross considerably more than \$1.75 a cubic yard for the guests that ride in it.

**Leo House Resigns
From KXAR To Take
Job With State**

Leo House, Farm Program Director of Station KXAR since December 12, 1947, today announced his resignation to accept a position with the Arkansas Forestry and Parks Department.

Mr. House will be assistant state director of information and education and will continue to educate Hope his home. He will work all over Arkansas appearing before schools and civic clubs.

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Arkansas: Fair with rising tem-
peratures this afternoon and to-
night. Friday partly cloudy.

Greatest Battle in Sino History Now Raging

Nanking, Nov. 11 — (UP) — The greatest battle in Chinese history involving more than 1,000,000 men by government estimate—raged North of the Yangtze today with Communist troops having a slight numerical advantage.

Government spokesman Lt. Gen. Ching-Yi Li said the battle was being fought along the Suchow defense line which guards the road to the national capital.

Teng said government troops out-
fought the Reds during the opening
phases of the giant battle but that
they had made successive with-
drawals to "shorten their lines."

He said Reds under Generals Chen Yi, Liu Po-Cheng and Chen Keng already were throwing all available manpower into the fight, on which hinges the fate of North Central China.

The government, too, was bringing up reinforcements. Teng said, with some troops from along the Piping-Hankow railroad line al-
ready moved into battle.

Teng said the Reds had hurled 21 armies numbering 500,000 men into the battle.

(Communist broadcasts heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press said the Reds have bottled up 350,000 troops in the Suchow area).

The government spokesman said the Communists had already suffered 30,000 casualties around Suchow. He said that was more than three times the number suffered by government troops.

Government warplanes all descriptions from Nanking were hurled into the battle described by Teng as longer and more bitter than any fought during the Sino-Japanese war.

In Nanking and Shanghai martial law restored order after food plots had disrupted the routine in both cities yesterday.

Food shops reopened in Nanking. Residents calmed down from yesterday's hysteria. But in Shanghai many jammed railroad stations

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Hands Out \$100 Bills



—NEA Telephoto
Miss Helen Weiss, arrives at Newark, N. J., police head-
quarters to explain why she suddenly started passing out \$100 bills
at the city's busiest intersection. Mrs. Weiss explained that she
had become "upset," drew the money from a bank and began its
distribution.

Violence Flares in Detroit Strike

Detroit, Nov. 11 — (UP) — Two pickets were arrested today and two other persons were detained by police as violence broke out again in the four-day-old strike of service employees at Harper hospital.

One of the persons detained, Le Howard, 45, pulled a knife when pickets attempted to prevent her entering the hospital, police said. She was disarmed quickly and identified by police as a non-striking employee of the hospital laundry. One of the pickets was held also.

The police commando squad was alerted as a situation mounted before the hospital gate of the city's largest. About 175 pickets milled around the entrances.

Earlier today a taxicab company reported an anonymous telephone call telling it to keep its cab "at least ten blocks away from Harper."

Police said a cab company was warned not to bring passengers to the hospital or "face the consequences." The company reported that the threat was received in an anonymous telephone call this morning.

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Nazi Financial Wizard Jailed for Retrial

Hamburg, Nov. 10.—(UPI)—Hjalmar Schacht, German financial wizard sought for retrial on a war crime, was located by a United Press reporter today in the town of Spremberg, 20 miles south of here.

The new policy, the agency said, would bring Wong, deputy premier Chang LiSheng and Defense Minister Ho Ying-Chin together to coordinate military and civil affairs. Rigid censorship was declared.

Now living alone and modestly in a small cottage, Schacht told the reporter:

"I am most astonished to hear now that the police again are looking for me, and that again I am to go to jail."

Schacht, who was cleared of war crimes charges in Nuremberg, declared he was in hiding.

"But I must admit that I have tried to keep out of the way for while," he said.

The former top-ranking German official was dressed in a well-worn black suit. The cottage was poorly furnished and had neither a radio nor telephone. But Schacht appeared spry and energetic.

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trying to get out of the city to safety in the country.

On the political front, the official Central News Agency said Premier Wong Wen-Hao had withdrawn his resignation and agreed to continue in office under a new policy.

The warrant was issued for the former president of the Nazi Reichsbank last Friday when the Wuertemberg-Baden Denazification committee cancelled a verdict of an appeal court exonerating Schacht of the Nazi taint.

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Automotive Hint

Sometimes worn bearings in the starting motor cause the armature to rub. This can be ascertained without removing the motor by holding a small piece of iron or steel against the outside of the housing while someone steps on the starter button. If the gauge is attracted to the housing, the armature is rubbing.

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Thursday, November 11

The Business and Professional Women's Club will have their regular dinner meeting at the Barlow Hotel, Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. All members are invited to attend. This is the birthday month of the club. Miss Beryl Henry will be in charge of the program on "Public Affairs."

Monday, November 15

The Fidelis Sunday School Class of the First Baptist church will have its regular monthly business meeting and Thanksgiving party, Tuesday, November 15 at the church at 7:30 p.m. Hostesses will be Mrs. E. L. Morrison, Mrs. Inez Staats and Mrs. Herbert Dodson.

Tuesday, November 16

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. Thompson Evans, Jr., 202 South Grand with Mrs. James Pilkinton, Mrs. Fred Robertson, Mrs. W. O. Beene, Mrs. Alvin Robertson, Mrs. Mary Hamm, and Mrs. Evans, hostesses.

Wiglesby P.T.A. will meet Tuesday, November 16 at the school. The Executive Board will meet at 3 o'clock.

Paisley P.T.A. Holds November Meeting

The Paisley P.T.A. met in the school auditorium, Wednesday afternoon, November 10. During the business session, committee chairmen gave excellent reports. In the room count of the highest percentage of mothers present, Mrs. Burroughs' room received the prize.

Mrs. C. F. Haworth, program chairman for the afternoon presented Mrs. F. J. Burroughs and her fifth grade pupils in a talented play entitled "Indian Moccasin".

Mrs. Denver Dickinson, study course chairman, gave a very interesting discussion on "Lesson

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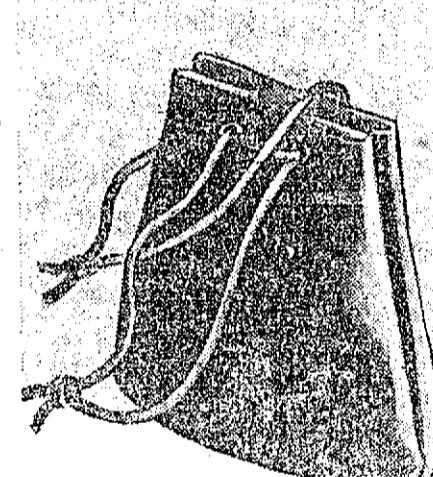
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Stewardship Program Held at First Baptist Church

The Young People's Mission Auxiliary of the First Baptist church presented a Stewardship Program during the Fellowship Hour, Wednesday evening at the church. Miss Betty Martin and Miss Mary Ethel Perkins, Y.W.A. members, presented a very interesting devotional.

Two vocal selections were sung by the Y.W.A. trio, Misses Marlett Downs, Mary Ellen Downs and Betty Porter. Miss Beth Sasser sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. Hendrix Sprague.

Four members of the R.A.'s, G.A.'s and Subcubs presented the program. The R.A.'s gave a play "Timothy's Tithe" as this week is R.A. Focus Week.

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Clubs

Hinton Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Long Smith. The devotional was led by the hostess. We repeated the Lord's prayer. Singing by the group. Our secretary and treasurer was absent so Mrs. Elbert Mae acted as secretary. Roll call followed the reading of the roll which was approved as read by secretary report. Old and new business. We decided to wait until December meeting to elect officers for the coming year. Our lucky box failed to be present so everyone donated 10 cents to our fund. Our next meeting will be held the

last day of November.

The only discussion of the entire legislative committee report this morning when one delegate attempted to tack a recommendation for building aid onto a recommendation for passage of federal aid for teachers.

The amendment was defeated after several speakers declared that it might kill the entire federal aid proposal.

The legislative committee also recommended that the state teachers' retirement law be amended to increase benefits to those receiving less than \$75 monthly.

Other recommendations included:

A state law requiring birth certificates for admission to the first grade.

A requirement providing that salaries for county school superintendents be equal to those allowed teachers with the same training and the same county boards of education be allowed to supplement this amount.

That the state commissioner of education be made a state employee rather than a state official. Such a move would circumvent the present \$1,000 constitutional limit on salaries of state officials.

In other action today, the council recommended Silas Snow of Crossett and Mrs. Pearl Middlebrook of Little Rock for president of the AEA. The final choice to succeed Shuford as head of the organization will be made by members through their ballot.

Other officers nominated included: Russell Clegg of Texarkana and Mrs. Ocie Givins of Hartman, state president; Mrs. Claire Nichols of North Little Rock, recommended for recording secretary.

At Mrs. E. E. Wheeling on December 13 at 2 p.m. Our demonstration will feature a piece of entertainment. We will make plans for our Christmas program at this time. We'll be joined by saying our Amish Creed. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Mexican Workers Held on Narcotic Charges

Jonesboro, Nov. 10 (AP)—Two Mexicans were en route here today from Laredo, Ark., where they were arrested for allegedly selling marijuana cigarettes for \$1 apiece.

Deputy U. S. Commissioner Clara Browder said the pair, Frank Garcia, 18, and Melchor Rodriguez, 19, would be arraigned here on a complaint signed by Harley Anderson, Little Rock, agent of the U. S. Narcotics Bureau. They were arrested Nov. 5 in Laredo.

Medical Board Must Give License to Dr. Kosminsky

Little Rock, Nov. 10 (AP)—An alien who has filed American citizenship papers is entitled to a license from the Arkansas medical board.

This was the opinion of the attorney-general's office yesterday in replying to a request by Dr. L. J. Kosminsky of Texarkana, secretary of the board.

Dr. Kosminsky had asked specifically regarding the board's right to seek American citizenship.

Prescott News

The regular monthly meeting of the P.T.A. has been postponed until Tuesday, November 16 at 7:30 when Father's Night will be observed.

Monday, November 15 O.E.S. will meet Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Hall.

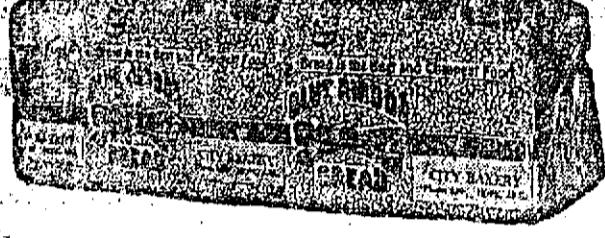
Tuesday, November 16 Rose Garden Club will meet at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Bob Reynolds with Mrs. Saxon Regan and Mrs. Vernon Buchanan co-hostesses.

Prescott Garden Club will meet at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Watson White Jr. Mrs. Warren Cummings, Mrs. Vernon Fore and Mrs. Wren Scott will be co-hostesses. Mrs. J. B. Hesterly will present the program.

The Junior Department of the First Baptist church enjoyed a welter roast Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Jack Cooper. A variety of games were also enjoyed by the thirty present. Officers and teachers present were: Mrs. Leroy Novak, president; Mrs. L. J. Kosminsky of Texarkana, secretary of the board.

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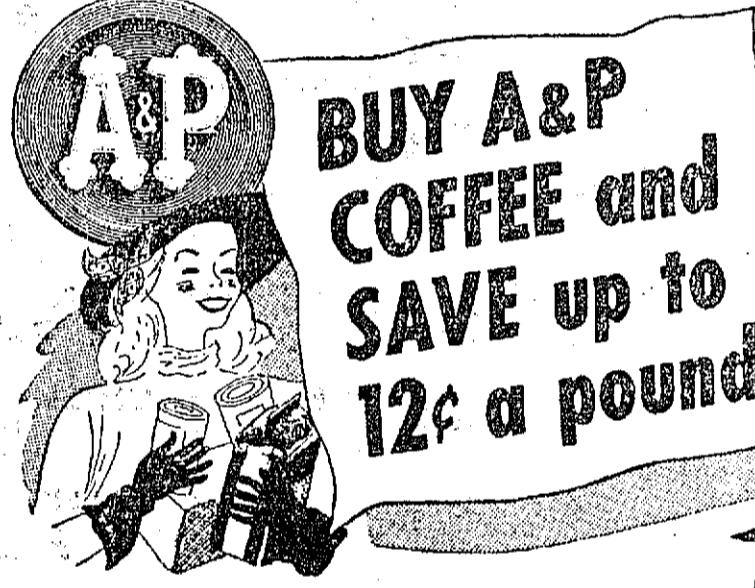
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73c

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35c

Sliced Catfish 79c

Filler of Codfish 39c

HSO Whiting 19c

Select Oysters 93c

Youngblood's Caviar

Deviled Ham

Armour's Tamales

Vienna Sausage

Veal and Pork Loaf

Armour's Treat

Chopped Ham

Corn Beef Hash

Armour's Chili

Deviled Ham

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Lunch Meat 47c

Armour's Star 51c

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Prescott News

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Members of the Victory Home Demonstration Club met Friday, Nov. 10 for luncheon meeting in the home of Mrs. Nat Wooley.

Thanksgiving decorations were carried out in the lovely table decorations and fall flowers throughout the house.

A pot luck luncheon was followed by business meeting. Mrs. D. W. Durham, president presided. Officers were elected as follows: president, Mrs. D. W. Durham; vice-president, Mrs. N. N. Daniel; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Nat Wooley, re-elected. New local leaders were appointed for the different phases of the Extension work carried on in the club.

Miss Rachel Nolen demonstrated Christmas candy making.

The Chamber of Commerce entertained the Presidents, Officers and members of the Executive Committees of the P.T.A. Chapters of Nevada County at a luncheon given in their honor in the Lawton Room on Monday, November 8.

The purpose of the luncheon was to acquaint them with the coming Nevada County Day program which will be given in Little Rock, Friday, November 26 before the membership of the Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce.

Colonel Roy LeCron presented before the group and each P.T.A. Chapter was asked to serve as part of a county attendance committee and was furnished with the identification tags which Nevada Countians will wear on that date.

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Miss Faye Loomis and Miss Mattie Jean Atkins attended the B & PW district meeting in Pine Bluff Saturday and Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Gordon have returned from Roanoke, Ala. where they were the guests of Mrs. Gordon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Shledge.

Mr. George Christopher and son, George Hamilton are visiting his mother, Mrs. T. L. Pennell in Florence, Alabama.

Doris Dickinson of Little Rock spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Jane Dickinson.

Rev. Ira D. Crewdon, State Secretary of the Christian church of Little Rock and Mrs. Ruth Maledon of Little Rock were guests of the First Christian church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kitchens and daughter, Ella Mae have returned to their home in Camden after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams and Sheila Jean Williams.

John McCarney, Orin Ellsworth, Sidney Parker Davis, Ed Barger and Rev. W. G. Bensberg attended the Outagamie Presbyterian Rally at Hot Springs on Monday night.

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Treaty With Military Alliance of Europe Will Be Welcomed by Most Americans

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Ever since the founding of our country the term "alliance" has been abhorrent to the average American because it has been accepted generally as meaning a military alliance and so as being an instrument of war.

However, it strikes me there will be nothing of relief to the world from Washington than that President Truman is expected to order the State Department within a few days to go ahead with negotiations for a military alliance treaty with western Europe.

So now a project is actively under way to form an alliance which will join the United States and Canada to the countries of west Europe, using the recently formed western European union as a nucleus. This union comprises Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. It is expected that several other countries will be included, among them Iceland and Portugal.

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As a matter of fact the United States already has got the military aid under way. Reliable sources in Frankfurt, Germany, state that America already has armed three French divisions with \$5,000,000 worth of military equipment, this being part of the plan

Twice Germany struck through vulnerable little Belgium because Germany gambled on the fact that America wasn't bound by alliance to resist this aggression. Twice there was a frightful slaughter and destruction and a complete dislocation which might have been avoided, or at least rendered less serious, had America been pledged to help resist the aggression and had she been prepared for the emergency.

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See Renewal of Excess Profits Tax on Industry

Washington, Nov. 11 (AP) Industries which are raising prices and boosting profits are inviting a revival of the excess profits tax, Rep. Crawford (R-Mich.) said today.

"I think the administration will be forced into a position where it

for restoring western Europe's military strength.

It is notable that all this is being done in the open. Indeed, yesterday U. S. Delegate John Foster Dulles, speaking in the United Nations political committee in Paris, told Russia in unequivocal terms that America intended to be strong, because its strength is not for ourselves alone.

He added that the United States has stopped disarming. He could have said with equal truth that Britain has done likewise.

This projected alliance is in no sense an invitation to combat. It is purely defensive. Dulles emphasized our peace-mindedness when he branded as "vicious falsehoods" Russia's charges that America plans aggression.

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will have to reinstate the tax," Crawford told a reporter.

President Truman twice asked the Republican-controlled 80th Congress for such a levy to replace the wartime tax repealed in 1946. Each time the lawmakers rejected his idea.

Since the election there have been conflicting Democratic reports as to whether Mr. Truman might revive the suggestion in his January state of the union message.

Lowly Earthworm

Unions Getting Set for Wage Demands

Washington, Nov. 10.—(AP)—A government report that wages still are lagging behind prices gave unions fresh ammunition today for their fourth round pay boost offensive.

The new wage demands already are developing. The AFL recently called for worker-employer cooperation to step up productive efficiency and cut costs to clear the way for pay raises without new price hikes.

And an industrial relations re-

search firm has just reported that a few fourth round bids are be-

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As Usual, Molotov Twists Everything Around to Fit the Communist Pattern

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, in opening the Moscow ceremonies marking the 31st anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, declared the defeat of Thomas E. Dewey in the presidential election "shows that the great majority of Americans are against a policy of aggression."

However, the actual pay received by factory workers—distinguished from their pay rates—increased an average of 30 per cent a week and 33 per cent an hour in the three years since Japan surrendered. This led the bureau to observe that:

"Rising prices have more than offset the increases in gross weekly and hourly earnings. The consumers price (cost of living) index for moderate income families in large cities rose by about 50 per cent over the three-year period."

The bureau's figures show that wage rates increased 8.7 per cent between October, 1947, and September, 1948—a period in which the living cost index rose 6.3 per cent. Comparable figures on the gain in actual earnings for the same period were not given.

The bureau said there are several reasons why actual earnings don't show as much increase as the 43 per cent jump in wage rates.

One is that the employees are working fewer hours with less opportunity for such premium pay as overtime and night differentials. Hence, although their straight-time rates have gone up they may receive less money than they were getting during the war.

Another reason is that a larger proportion of workers now are employed in the "generally lower-wage consumers goods industries," than in the former high skill war work.

The government agency found

that earnings in non-manufacturing industries have varied from those in factories. Hourly wages in retail trade rose 38 per cent in the three-year postwar period, but only 23 per cent in finance, insurance, and real estate establishments, the bureau said.

Fulbright Explains Suggestion to Mr. Truman

Washington, Nov. 11.—(AP)—The Democrat who two years ago suggested that President Truman resign and let the Republicans take full control of the government is happy that his party swept last week's elections.

Senator J. William Fulbright's only regret is that his original proposal—after the Republicans captured Congress in the 1946 balloting—was widely misunderstood.

"I intended no personal criticism of President Truman when I do now," the Arkansas lawmaker told a reporter today.

"I still believe our government is

doing a good job," he said.

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THE SCOUTING TRAIL

Boy Scout Troop 90, of First Baptist church, will meet at the church Friday at 8:15 a.m. to go to Preston Hunt. Scouting master Floyd Osmond and Andrew Abbott announced that the troop would leave for camp around 8:15 Friday morning and return Saturday afternoon. The Scouts will take their own bed rolls (quilts and blankets) and enough food for four meals.

Scoutmaster Gilbert and Field Executive Hickman will go to camp with the Scouts.

Scouts will enjoy a program of adventure, advancement, campfire programs of stunts, songs and games; and outdoor cooking. Scouts will be open to scout troops who do not prefer to live in tents or improvised shelters.

MacKenzie King to Resign After 20 Years Service

Ottawa, Nov. 11—(AP)—Canadian Prime Minister William L. MacKenzie King says he will resign after 20 years more than 20 years service. Louis Stephen St. Laurent will succeed him. MacKenzie King disclosed his retirement date yesterday in a letter to the Canadian legion of the British empire service league.

defective when one party holds the presidency and another controls the Senate or House."

Now that the Democrats are back in firm control of both branches, Fulbright says he looks for fewer votes "and more actual cooperation in running the government."

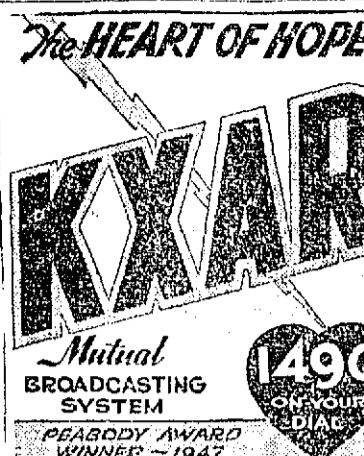
At the time of the Republican Congressional victories two years ago, the law of presidential succession called for the secretary of State to move into the White House in the event neither the president nor the vice president was able to serve.

Congress later provided that the Speaker of the House should be next in line to the vice president.

Fulbright's proposal was that Mr. Truman appoint a Republican as secretary of State and then step out of office himself.

The Arkansas Democrat has conferred on legislative matters with Mr. Truman several times in the last two years.

"But," he said with a smile, "we've never talked about that suggestion."



Playhouse; 9:30 First Nighter, ABC—Abbott and Costello; 8:30 "Summer Replacement," Personal Autograph Concert; 9 Child's World, MBS—7 Geo. O'Hanlon Family Skit; 7:30 Better Half; 8:30 Mysterious Traveler; 9 Thin Man.

Friday Items: NBC—8:30 a. m. Clevelanders, CBS—10:30 a. m. Grand Slam Quiz, ABC—9:45 a. m. Eleanor and Anna Roosevelt, MBS—10:15 a. m. Victor Lindlahr on Food.

The Greenhead mallard duck is the most plentiful and best known of all American waterfowl.

Troops Abroad Hold Quiet Ceremonies

London, Nov. 22.—(AP)—American occupation troops and the French nation observed Armistice Day today, but in the rest of Europe the threat of force down any aircraft caught flying outside the three traffic corridors.

President Vincent Auriol led the French in paying homage to the men and women who gave their lives for the nation in wartime.

In Germany the U. S. Army observed the anniversary by giving a holiday to all but essential personnel. There were no parades or

weakness and that the cost of security is nothing compared to the price of weakness.

"America is now demonstrating its determination to be strong in keeping with its dedication to world peace through the United Nations."

In Britain, where "Remembrance Day" was observed last Sunday, there was only one Armistice Day program. A plaque in memory of U. S. and six RAF airmen killed in crashes within the city was unveiled at Much Wenlock in Shropshire.

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China Claims Reds Using Jap Prisoners

Paris, Nov. 11. — (UP)—China charged in the United Nations political committee today that Chinese Communists are using 50,000 Japanese war prisoners as artillerymen, airmen and tankmen in the war in China.

Another 30,000 Japanese are doing "technical work" in Manchuria for the Communists, T. F. Tsing of China said. He said the Japanese were taken prisoners by the Russians and turned over to Chinese Communists.

Tsing was opposing Russia's proposal for a one-third cut in the armed forces of the Big Five powers within one year. He said disarmament was impossible for Nationalist China in her present plight.

Tsing said China would propose UN action for "disarming (Communist) fifth columns throughout the world."

Despite the fact that the outcome was sure to be negative as regards any reduction in armaments, UN delegations were ready to argue the Soviet proposal and ultimately to adopt it reluctantly, underscoring the desirability of arms cuts when they can be based on international confidence.

The UN majority, under Anglo-American leadership, was prepared to reject the Russian proposal as unacceptable at this stage of international relations.

The disarmament debate was scheduled in the political committee at an afternoon or night meeting. The entire UN setup was shut down for the morning in a half-day observance of the Armistice anniversary.

Backstage the UN diplomats were working on conflicting plans for dealing with Palestine, and on how to stop vaguely schemes for easing or solving the Berlin crisis. The Palestine negotiations boiled down to a diplomatic deadlock over Negev, the parched semi-desert land of South Palestine where the Jews had scored recent military victories against an outclassed Egyptian invasion force.

British officials sought UN security council action to force the Jews to yield their Negev gains as a prelude to coming assembly debate on the overall Palestine situation. The British had what was described as hesitant American backing.

A security council committee appointed to consider the Negev situation marked time over the half holiday to give its members an opportunity to study proposals by Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting UN medi-

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Hope-Smackover in Title Game Friday

Victory Would Give Hope Playoff Berth

By CARL BELL
Associated Press Sports Editor

Blue chips will be stacked high in Arkansas high school football games tomorrow. On Friday night, and several district championships.

Nick Roerich has been established and I hope I may say without modesty that the revelation of Bubblehead's tangled conduct cut down the popular vote from a potential of six million to the figure which Jim Farley mentioned last spring, to about a million votes.

Some tea-leaf readers then thought Henry would get eight million votes, but all this was *goosebone* prophecy. Speculation and prediction will continue, however, and the election will find experts and pollsters at it again as though nothing had ever happened. Does a baseball star retire because the team he picks in April winds up last?

I would point out, too, that not only we professionals of punditry and the more modest lines of journalism, the strident oracles of radio and the bookmakers, were won over. Barney Baruch, the in-

generous master of speaking, elder statesman must have felt sure that Governor Dewey would have slammed the White House door forever in his own face by calling President Truman a "nude, uncouth, ignorant man."

Truman for years so this was only another proof that his authority ends with the minor votes.

This brings us to the fact that the miscalled laborites still flout the orders of the union bosses and the alarms of candidates. There is a theory about that a "laborite" was elected Mr. Truman in response to his unblushing recitation of all the formulated union claptrap about the Taft-Hartley Act. But, "labor," in that evil sense of an honest man, is concentrated in centers of population which Governor Dewey carried with elation or lost too narrowly as to disprove the idea that only "labor" liked him. This fact only muddles the confusion again. It is further to accept explanations which are far from sight.

I find two horned parallels in this situation, off events on the sport side. When Tunney fought Dempsey the first time most of those who made a professional practice of picking winners for a few cents a copy, then the standard price of papers before Truman's election, were convinced that Blue-

had won. Tunney, like those who pro-

fessed to be confident of Mr. Truman's victory, were personal friends or dependents of one degree or another. Their wisdom, therefore, was divided by their loyalty and self-interest.

In the same vein, we have in Mr. Truman's buck Cinderella, a fellow who, as it were, had to tape his own hands, carry his own bucket and swing his own towel.

Like Jimmy Braddock, fighter of every similar characteristics, improbable, rejected, and forlorn, Mr. Truman won by himself. And he won despite the men who owned him, help and denied him off the cock-crow. He seems a bitter fellow, for his closing remarks were fierce warnings of revenge to be taken if he won as now he has. If he so, surely he owes more than him and degrading punishment to William O'Dwyer, of New York, to Franklin Roosevelt and Eleanor, to FDR, Harry, to Jim Curley, of Boston, to the Survey of Chicago, Senator Pepper of Florida, Henry Wallace, Tobin and Beck of the teamsters, Johnson of the railroad engineers and Harold Ickes that to men who never took his food or fed him but met him frankly as political enemies.

All these and Baruch, as pro-

fessed Democrats in debt to the White House, turned Truman down at Philadelphia. It was for a fact, a sort of humiliation that a man of pride and masculine ethics could not forget. Naturally, Republicans and dissenting essayists would fight him, but these were his own people and they didn't fight but snored. If he is a conventional American he must still respect the State's Rights. Democrats who fought him on issues as declared opponents. He never has believed in so-called social program himself.

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Jensen, Swaner Makes California Click Says Coach

Berkeley, Calif., Nov. 11. — (UPI)—California's Bears on the road toward the undefeated season and a possible berth in the Rose Bowl possess all the qualities of a winning team.

"What makes the Bears click?" Lynn Waldorf, massive and stern coach who is producing the first unbeaten California team in a decade, offers this explanatory formula:

"Fullback Jackie Jensen and Right Half Jack Swaner are the key to our offense. They constitute a terrific offensive punch any team in the nation would desire. If Jensen is stopped one week, Swaner goes and vice versa."

The Tigers and the Zebras once were the Hatfields and the McCays of schoolboy football. Their rivalry was so intense that their contests often outdrew college games.

Pine Bluff fortunes tumbled in recent years and the rivalry lost its glitter.

But it promises to be like old times when the two T-geared powerhouses met together in Little Rock tomorrow night. Little Rock's Tigers are leading the Big Six race with two victories and a tie. The Zebras are half a game behind with two wins and a loss.

North Little Rock, which makes the title scramble a three-cornered affair with a record equal to Pine Bluff's, will risk its chances against a tough band of Grizzlies.

The Big Six teams will play their non-vision games. El Dorado will play in Texarkana and Hot Springs entertainers Russellville.

First place—and probably the championship—in District 7A will be at stake when Hope visits Texarkana this week.

Other statistics released today by the NCAB are for runbacks of kickoffs, pass receiving and interceptions and punting.

Bill Gregus of Wake Forest is tops in kickoff returns. He's brought back 16 for 420 yards. Joe Freeman of the University of Portland is second with 385 yards.

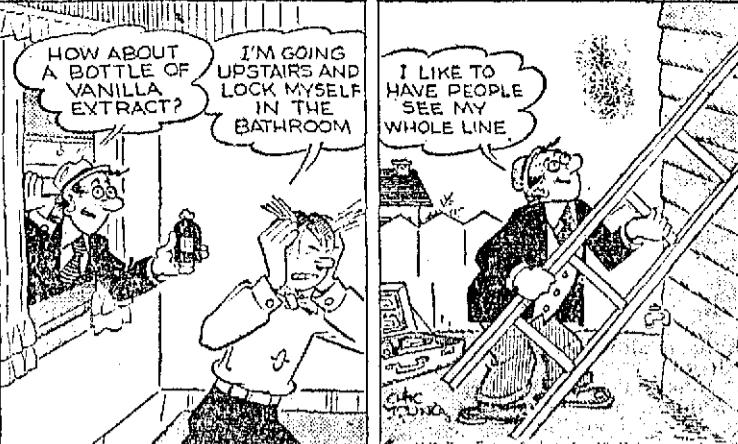
It's likely to be all over except the shouting in the District 4 race after Waldorf and Mena tangle in Little Rock. The host team is setting the pace with four victories and no defeats, while Mena has only a tie to mar its record.

Malvern can win its undisputed claim to the District 5-A crown by beating Benton on the latter's home field. The Leopards, with three wins and no losses, already have clinched at least a tie for first place. Bud French, Kansas, is second with 18 for 239.

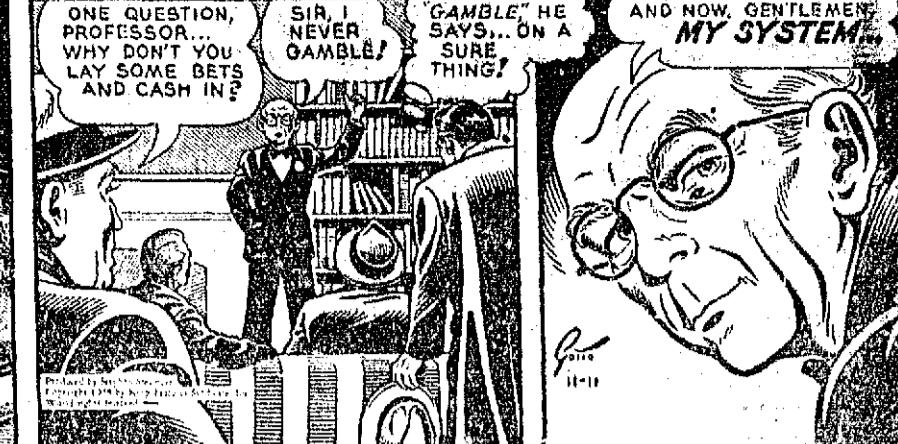
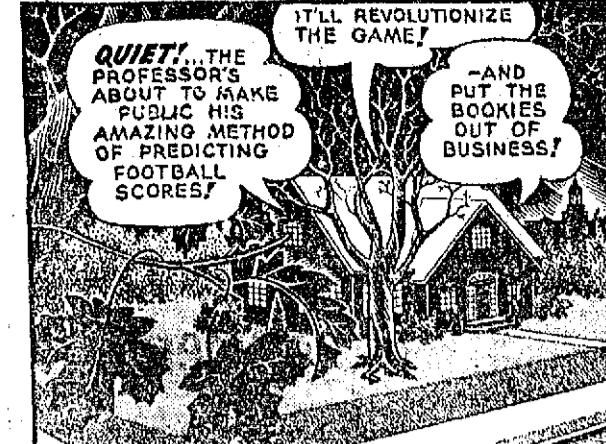
Other games include: Fayetteville at Rogers (IAA). Springdale at Joplin, Mo. Van Buren at Siloam Springs. Jonesboro at Batesville. Newport at Walnut Ridge. Conway at Scarcey. Blytheville at Brinkley. Ossocela, Tenn. at Paragould. Humboldt, Tenn. at Paragould. Catholic high at Morrilton (Thursday).

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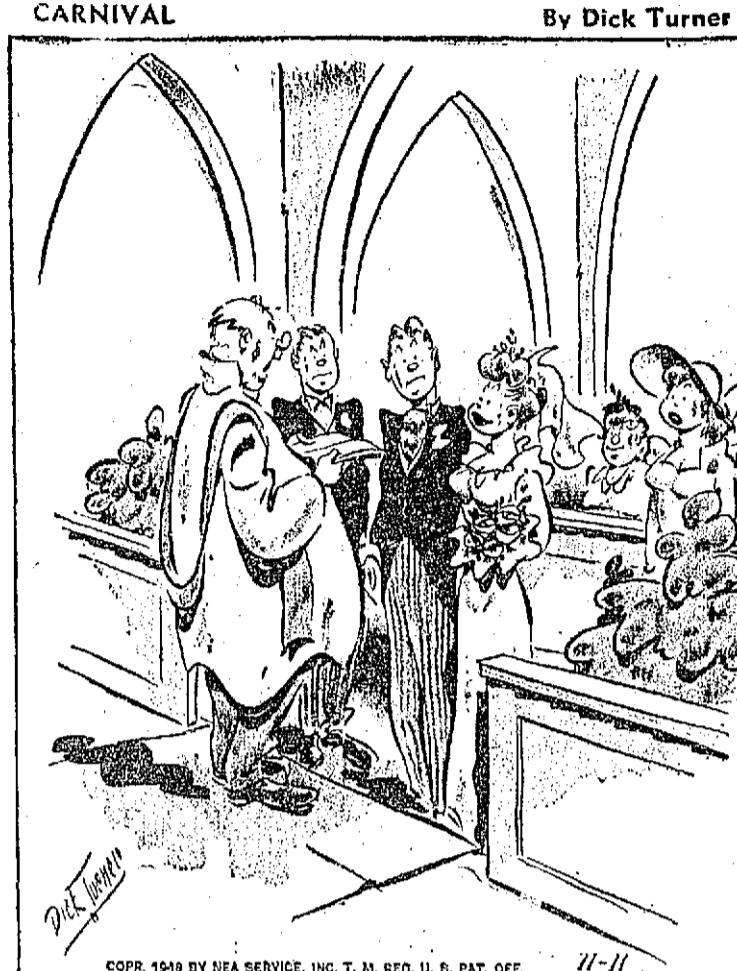


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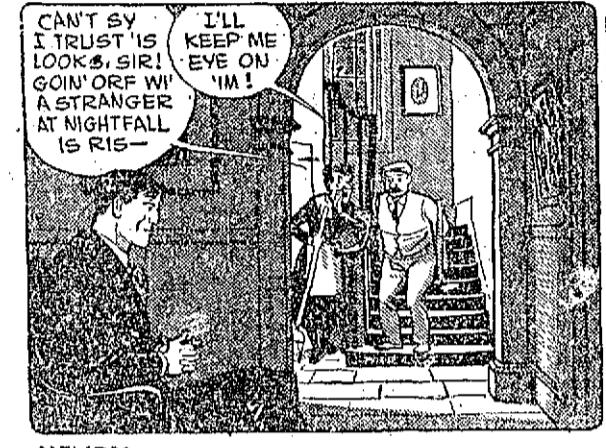
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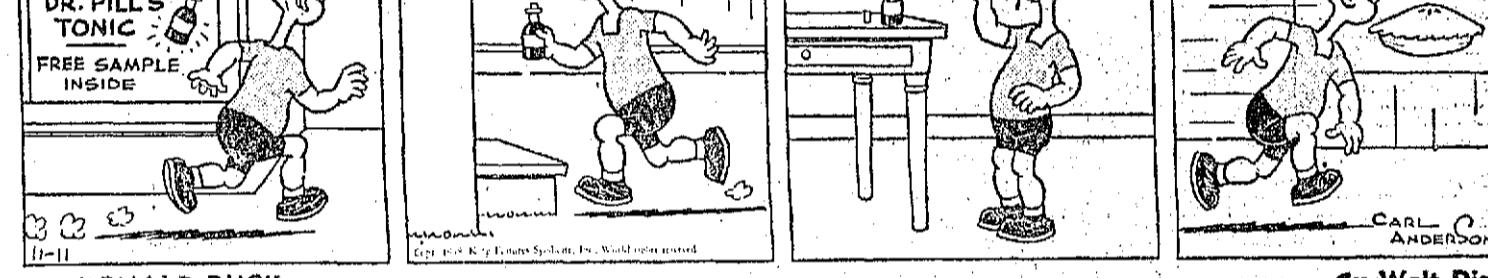
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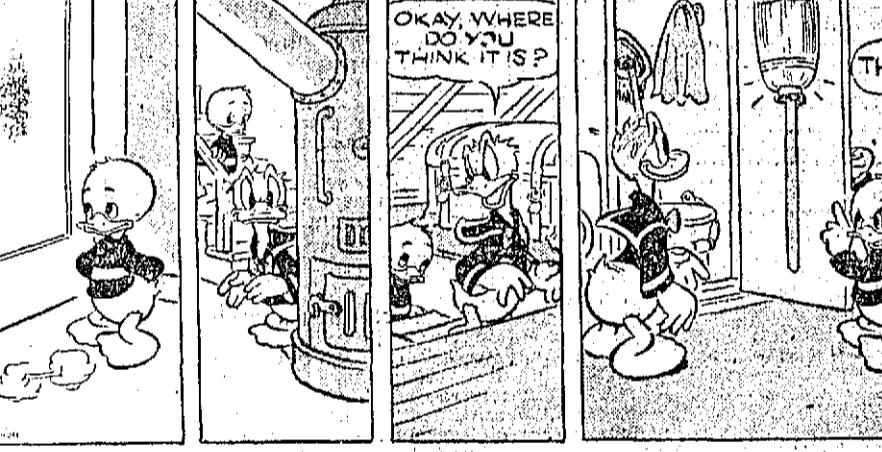
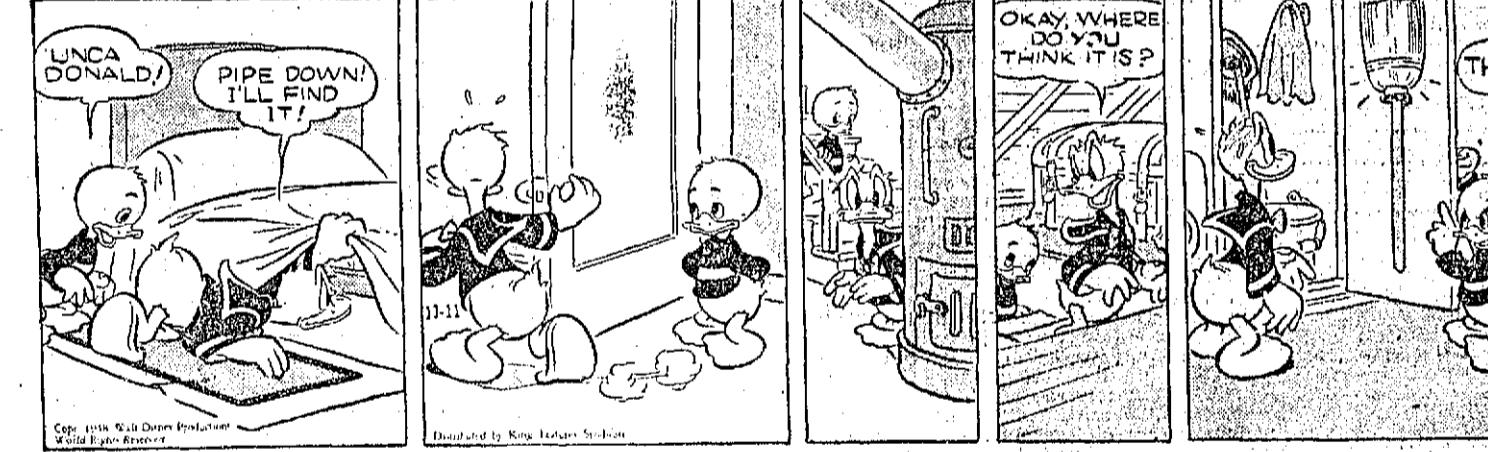
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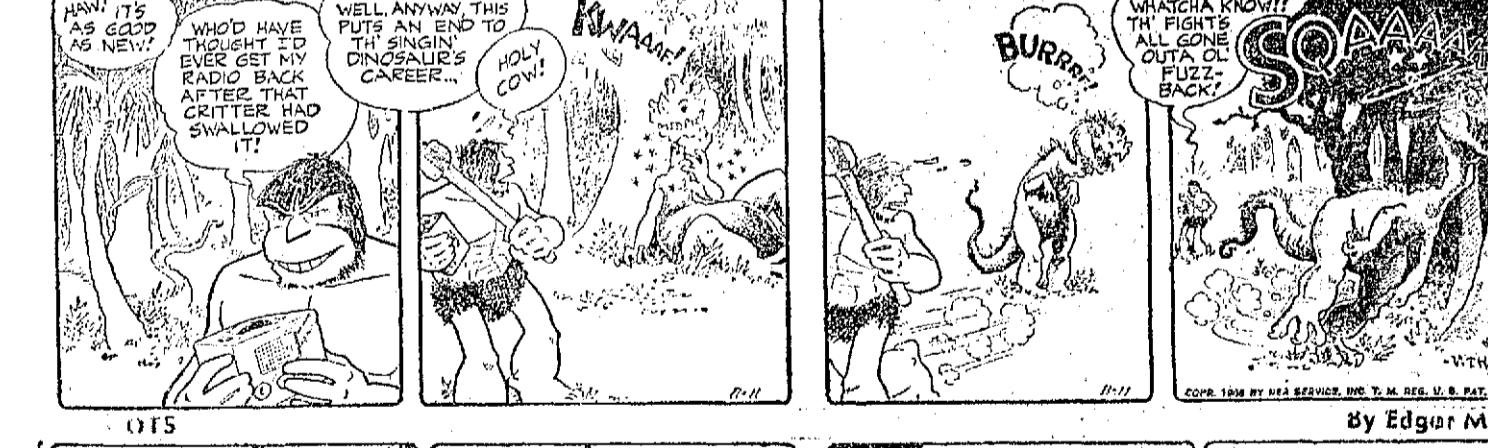


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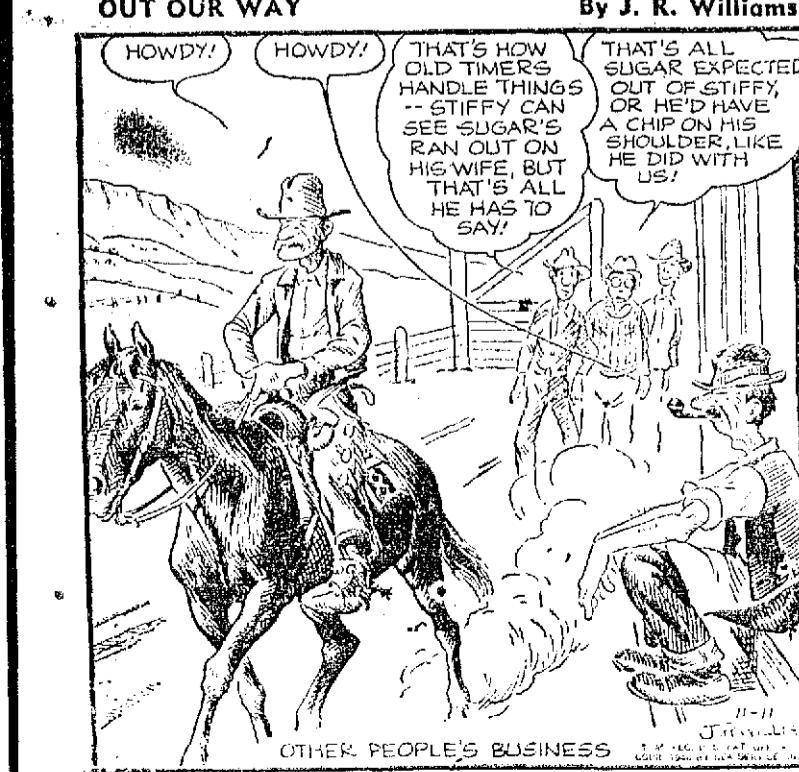


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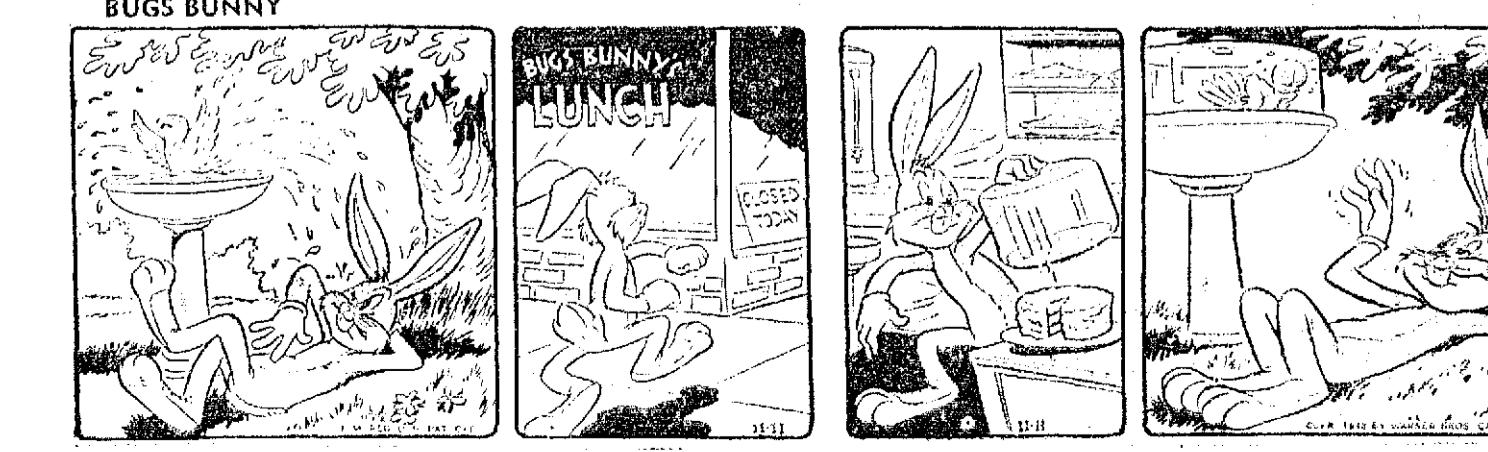
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Desperate Is Word Most Nearly Describing China's Hopeless Economic Collapse

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This column rarely uses the term "desperate" in describing a situation because that word implies hopelessness, but the position in China has deteriorated to a point which certainly is crowding desperation.

That unhappy land — housing close to a quarter of the globe's population — has sunk so deep in the chaos of civil war and economic collapse that no man can predict her future.

The question of whether generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek can maintain his nationalist government and defeat the Red rebellion is a matter of anxious speculation.

The Chinese Communists, having overrun strategic Manchuria, are now driving southward in China. The great Northern metropolis of Peking, spiritual capital of the country, is in a state of panic — a city of doom. The Communists continue their drive towards Szechuan, the last northern gateway to Chiang's capital — Nanking.

Meanwhile the economic situation has worsened. The military disasters in the North have further shaken the confidence of the people in the ability of the government to cope with the situation. The economic crisis has hit a new low and one of the immediate results has been a grave increase in the food shortage, said to be due in considerable degree to hoarding.

AP Correspondent Roy Essoyan reports from Shanghai:

"Shanghai today is facing its most critical food situation in modern times. Ten weeks of choking economic restrictions and ten days of frantic, unbridled inflation which followed have left the once great center of commerce a city of closed shops, sporadic rice raids and strikes. Chinese reports from the immediate interior and tales of gang raids on surrounding villages, which are being stripped clean of edibles."

So goes the grim story. Small wonder that officials in Washington are deeply concerned small wonder that there should be speculation whether the generalissimo's government can triumph over the Communists.

As for Chiang, he gives the impression of having no doubts of success. He has called on his followers to prepare for eight more years of war against the Chinese Communists, thus tacitly admitting that it is a long tough job but he maintains an air of confidence. He declares that peace can only be attained by destroying the Communists throughout the nation.

Secretary of State Marshall conferred privately in Paris yesterday with China's United Nations delegation chief, Dr. T. F. Tsiang. The future extent of American military and economic aid to Chiang's regime is said to have been discussed. American sources said the whole question of Chinese aid is being studied against a general background of feeling that there is not much point in pouring water into a leaking bucket.

American delegation officials in Paris said U. S. State Department experts are seeking a plan to reconcile the realities of the Red military gains with the U. S. desire to give effective aid to the nationalist government. At the same time William C. Bullitt, former ambassador to France and Russia, said in Washington he was leaving for China to make a survey for the joint congressional Economic Cooperation Association Watchdog committee. He hopes to return by Christmas with a report of China's needs to meet the Communist military threat.

Thus the indications are that America intends to pursue a program of aid to China. The Chinese civil war is a vital part of the conflict with Russian communism, and China is likely to be an increasingly important theatre of operations in the Orient.

It wouldn't be profitable to win the cold war in Europe but lose the fight in the Far East.

Wallace Not Wanted by Democrats

Washington, Nov. 10 — (AP) — Henry A. Wallace will find the welcome mat gone if he makes any move to return to the Democratic party. National Chairman J. Howard McGrath said today.

Although he did not rule out absolute re-conversion of a re-pentant Wallace, McGrath told a reporter:

"So far as I am concerned, Henry Wallace has taken himself out of the Democratic party and he can stay out."

The national chairman added that the triumphant Democratic committee — its internal strife stilled by President Truman's smashing victory at the polls — is making no gestures toward any fringe elsewhere."

Wallace has made no announcement of his future plans. Neither has he said what is going to happen to his Progressive Party, which polled little more than 1,000,000 votes nationally.

But Senator Glen Taylor of Idaho, Wallace's vice presidential running mate, told a reporter he thinks the Progressives will wait and see how Mr. Truman delivers on his campaign promises before deciding whether to stand on or go ahead with their movement as Wallace had pledged in the last days of the campaign.

"The president stole our thunder in the campaign," Taylor said. "He practically adopted the Progressive platform and began promising to carry it out."

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Speculation on Coming Legislation

By JIM THOMASSON

Little Rock, Nov. 11 (AP) — Proposals for a positive ballot form for Arkansas elections and a registration system for voters may find strong support in the 1949 legislature.

This is based on an Associated Press Poll of members of the next general assembly, a majority, however, was unwilling to state position on the 19 questions asked in the poll.

On the question "What, if any, election law changes do you think are needed?" 24 of the 134 senators and representatives gave their views. Three others said they did not wish to go on record at this time.

But of those 25 replies, which came from men who represent one-third of the 75 counties, there was a preference for a registration system and a change in the ballot form.

Answers ranged from terse "none," to a novel suggestion by Rep. Lindell Hile, Murfreesboro, who proposed a state manager for each state election.

However, there was a solid segment of opinion that strict compliance with present election laws would eliminate many complaints. Sen. Howard Moltzoff, Gould, summed up the consensus of that group this way:

"I think that if the present election laws were enforced more rigidly that many of the election difficulties would be eliminated. Rather than much change, I would favor greater penalties for election law violations."

Many of the legislators favoring a voter registration system also called for elimination of the poll tax, as Sen. Pat Garner, Fort Smith, said, "before the federal government forces us to take such action."

Since approval in the Nov. 2 election of constitutional amendment No. 39, authorizing a voter registration system, Governor-elect Sid McMath has said he would recommend setting up a registration system. He also said he would ask the legislature to study elimination of the poll tax and, if it feels such action wise for the state, to submit the necessary constitutional amendment for a vote in the 1950 general election.

The so-called negative voting system used in Arkansas often has been criticized. Of the legislators suggesting changes Rep. Jesse S. Van Buren, was the most positive.

"The law should be changed to permit a voter to put an 'X' after the name of the candidate of his choice. Instead of having to scratch out the names of all those but the candidate of his choice," he said.

Several suggestions for better guarantees of secrecy of the ballot were made. Reps. Walter Young, El Dorado, and Cleo F. Walther, Little Rock, proposed voting machines as a solution.

In his novel proposal for a state manager for each campaign, Hile also suggested a limit on expenditures and a permit from the state manager of the campaign before anyone could make a contribution to a candidate.

He also proposed moving the primary elections up to mid-April and may also favored a positive voting system.

The only choice heard against the double primary system was that of Rep. Charles Smith, Marion, Crittenden county, who expressed the opinion that a candidate receiving a plurality vote is entitled to nomination. "After all, the voters have had an opportunity to select from the entire field," he said, "and if it is the leading candidate in the first primary is at the mercy of possible expedient trading between the candidate in second place and the eliminated candidate."

The requirement for nomination by majority vote, which necessitates the double primary in Arkansas, was a "sleeper" clause in a constitutional amendment adopted in 1936. At a subsequent general election, the voters rejected an attempt to repeal the provision.

There were two other suggestions for a curb on campaign spending. In addition to a spending limit, Rep. M. O. Raley, Paragould, suggested doing "something with the candidate who pays a ward or township worker, as well as the man who accepts the money."

Rep. J. T. Wimberly, Star City, said he had not studied the election law situation, but that he would "eliminate cost in some manner."

Rep. Laud Payne, Piggott, got in a plug for Clay county, saying elections there have the reputation of being honest, but that he would "support any plan which would clear up the difficulty in other counties."

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Farmers Changed Minds About Truman Within Few Days

Washington, Nov. 10 — (AP) — Farmers said today there are strong signs many farmers who voted for President Truman made up their minds less than 10 days before the election.

One Midwestern senator, whose name cannot be used, told a reporter that farmers feared a new Republican administration might "rock the boat" on farm prices. He said they were alarmed by price declines in recent weeks.

"Many of them I talked to after the election said they were not

really Republicans and that they actually believed Governor Dewey was the best of the candidates," the Midwesterner said.

"But they told me they hesitated to make a change in a situation so generally favorable for them. And the price drops seemed to cast the shadow of a possible downturn, adding weight to their feeling it was better to leave things alone."

There were hints from the GOP farm belt delegation in Congress that the Republicans may find farmers on the Democratic side until some serious reversal in farm fortune occurs.

One Republican from the wheat region went so far as to say — not for direct quotation — that it might put farmers back in the GOP camp.

McMath Predicts Highway Bonds Will Be Favored

Jonesboro, Nov. 10 — (AP) — Governor-elect Sid McMath predicted today that the 1949 Arkansas legislature would approve his plan for issuing bonds to finance improvement of the state's highways.

McMath told east Arkansas legislators conferring with him here that the people won't let members

of the general assembly "come home if they don't do something about these roads."

He said he would take the stump in favor of bond issues if his proposal is adopted by the legislature and submitted to the voters at a general election.

"I know there's going to be opposition," he said. "There always is

opposition to progress. "We must work out a sound highway program. If a bond issue is necessary to do it, then I will make a vigorous effort for its adoption by the people at a special election."

McMath said he doubted that he would appoint a state highway director until the legislature acts on the highway problem. The director, he added, "will be a man who can work for the entire state rather than for one section."

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